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To Whom This May Concern:

I am writing this letter to show my support for a dental ambulatory surgery center in Southeastern North Carolina. A location in the Fayetteville area would be very beneficial for my patients.

I am constantly struggling to receive OR time to treat my very young and severely decayed patients. This lack of access to care has currently left me with 54 children on my wait list to receive dental care with general anesthesia. The average wait list to go to the operating room is 4 months for my patients. I have only been given 2 hospital days each month at our local hospital, and I have been told that this is due to limited operating room bed space.

Therefore, I strongly support a dental ambulatory surgery center in our area to accommodate the growing need for dental treatment with general anesthesia. It is very hard for me to tell families each day that they must wait 4 months before I can help their toddler in pain because I do not have an available day at the hospital to treat them sooner.

Thank you for your help and please feel free to contact me at any time for further assistance with this very important matter!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carey M. Collins, DDS, MS". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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